

Exhibit U

Dog Bite Prevention for Law Enforcement



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Introductions

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Objectives

- Know the common dog encounter scenarios that lead to dog bites.
- Give 4 signs or actions to perform to determine whether dogs are on the property.
- Identify how to avoid dog bites.
- Recognize 3 physical signs of aggressive dogs.
- Be familiar with improvised tools for dealing with aggressive dogs.
- Know techniques to minimize personal injury in the event you are attacked.



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NY State Law

- Pets are personal property
- Animals must be humanely destroyed solely by means of injection of sodium pentobarbital or sodium pentobarbital
- Except an animal by gunshot is permissible... for an animal that is posing an imminent threat of serious physical injury to a person or to another animal...or so injured that humane euthanasia is impossible



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Fourth Amendment

- 4th amendment does not include term of “Personal Property”
- Supreme court held “Personal Property” is considered an “Effect”
- Destruction of a pet can be classified as an unlawful seizure



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Why Do Dogs Bite?

- Excitement / Play
- Possession / Protection (e.g., female with pups)
- Fear
- Accidental
- Attention
- Sick / Injured
- Dangerous dog



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Dog Postures



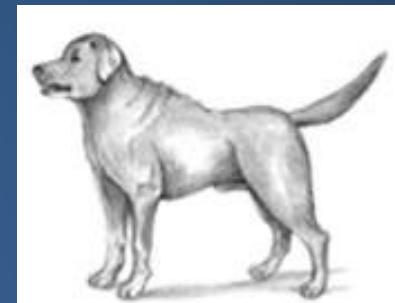
Playful

*Ears up
Eyes soft
Front end lower ready to leap
Tail up loosely wagging*



Defensive Threat

*Ears back
Hackles may be up
Muzzle tense, wrinkled
Tail down & tense*



Confident Alert

*Ears up, forward
Eyes large, staring
Muzzle tense lips lifted to show teeth
Tail up, stiff wag*



Passive Appeasement

*On back belly exposed
Ears back
Indirect eye contact
Tail tucked*



Active Appeasement

*Ears back
Eyes half closed
Raised paw
Mouth nearly closed tongue tip darts out
Tail low slow wag*



Offensive Aggression

*Ears erect
Hackles may be up
Lip curled
Teeth bared, snarling
Tail stiff raised*



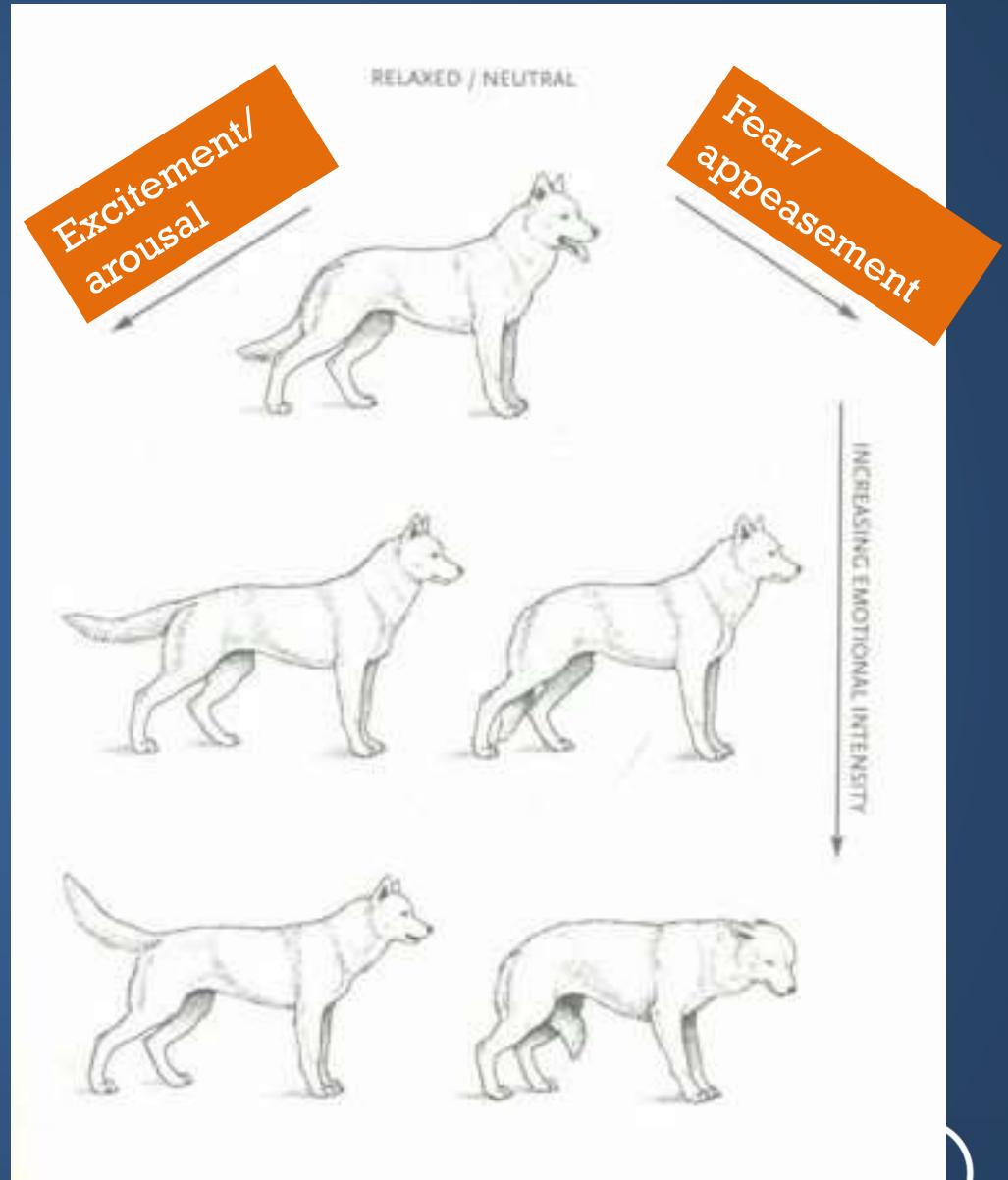
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Overall Posture

The most important thing is whether the dog is:

Stiff & Still
vs.
Loose & Wiggly



Signals of Increasing Discomfort/Stress/Tension: Warning Signs

- Hard direct eye contact
- Stiff and still body posture
- Freezing: stopping all motion
- Tension in face



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Aggression: Stop What You Are Doing

- Growling
- Snarling/showing teeth
- Lunging
- Snapping
- Biting



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Fear Aggression: low body, all teeth showing, crouched/hunched posture, tail tucked



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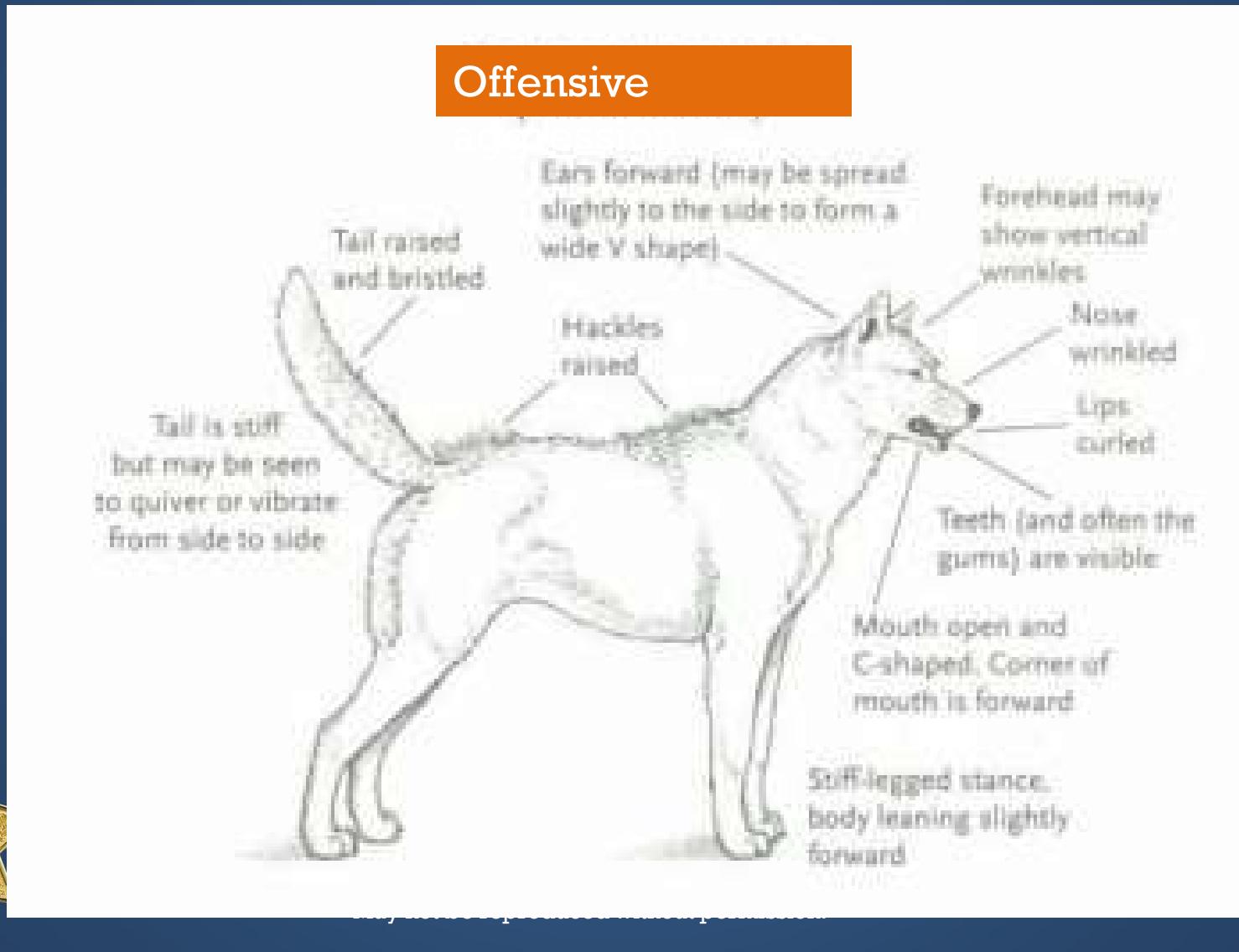


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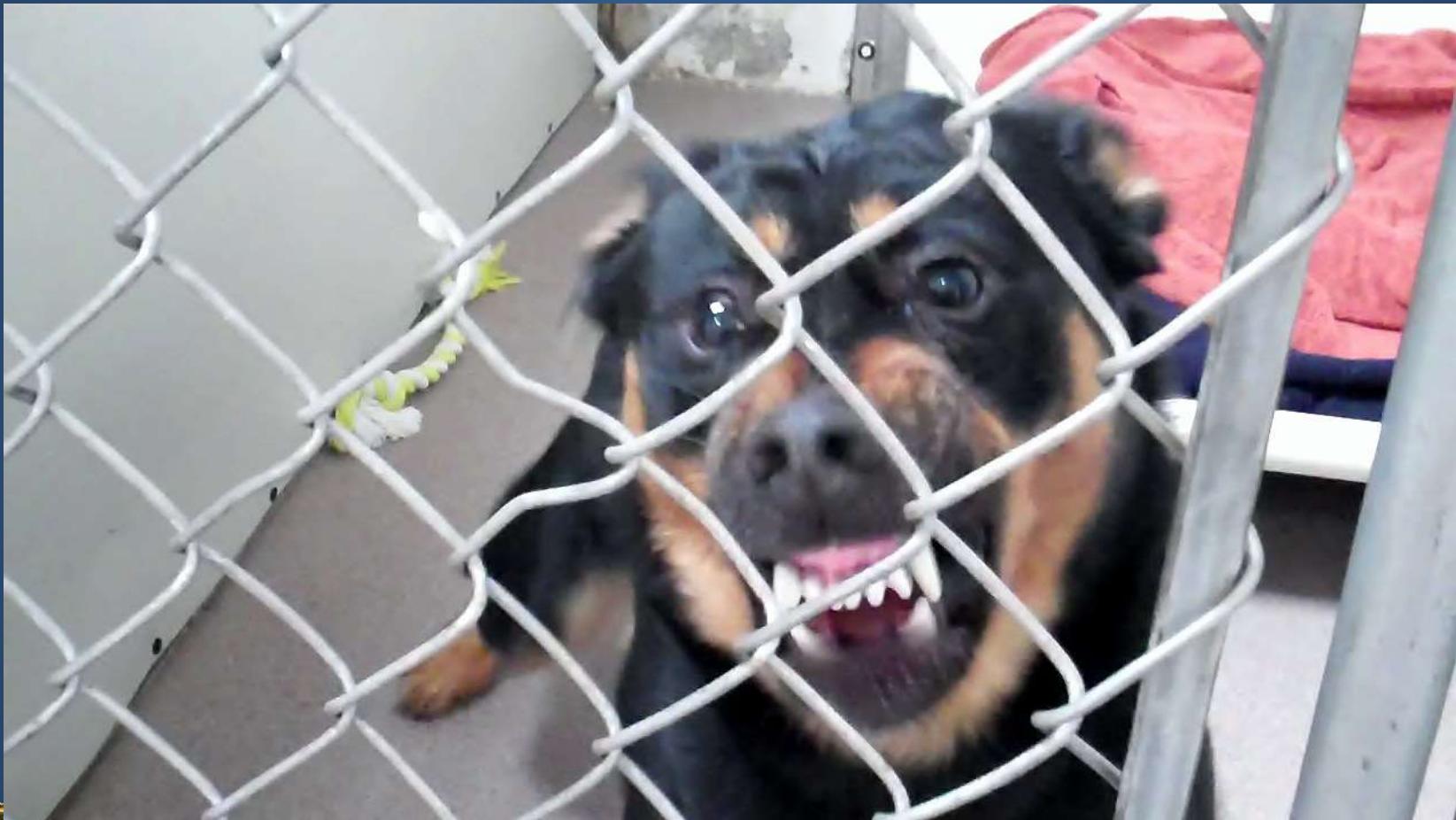


Offensive Aggression:

posture erect,
weight forward, tail up, mouth puckered, front teeth showing



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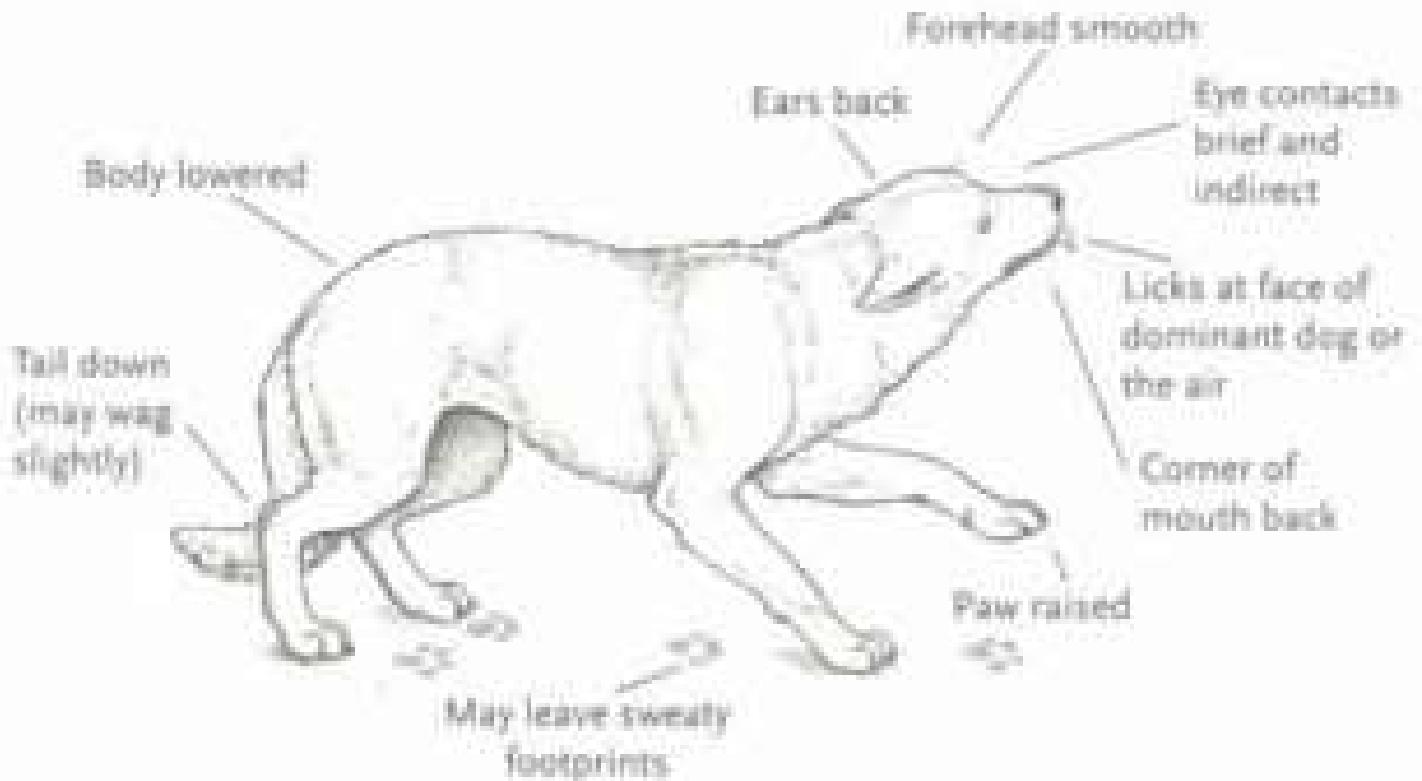


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Appeasement

Active



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Appeasement/Fear

Appeasement/ Fear



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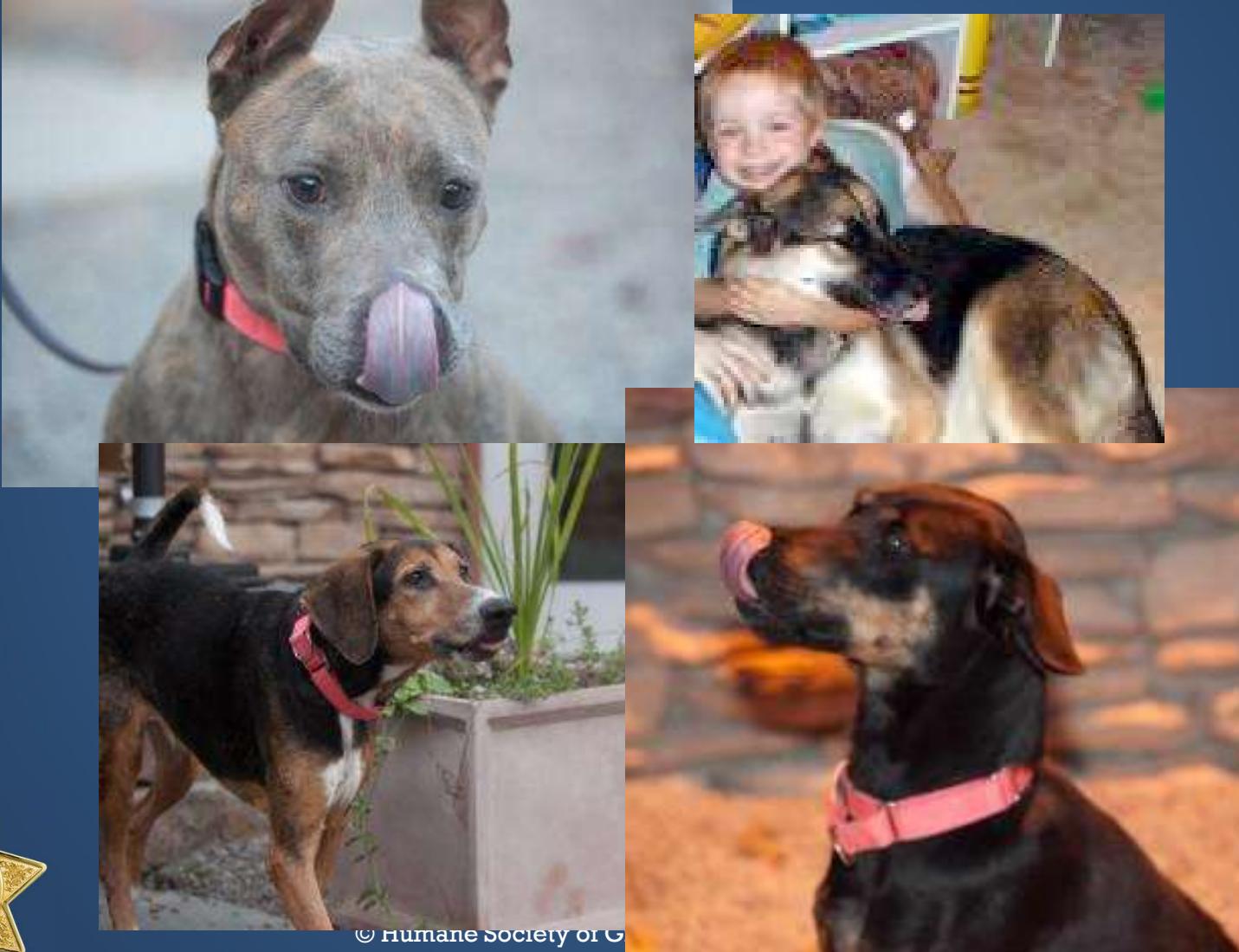
Stressed, Anxious, Fearful



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Stress Signals: Lip Licking



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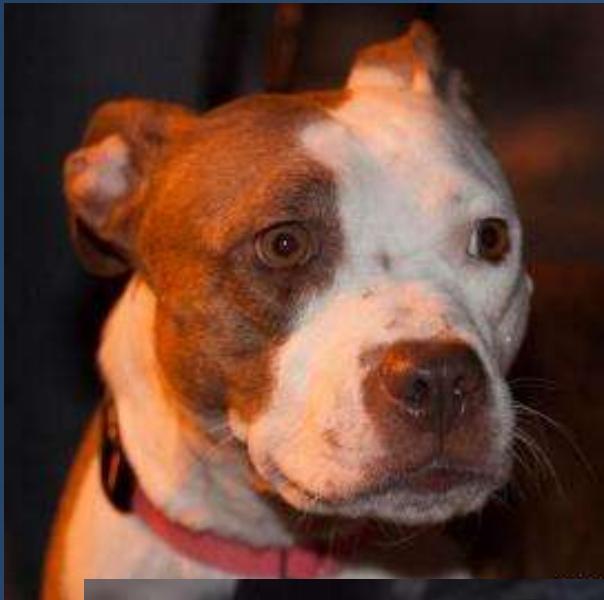
Stress Signals:

mouth - open & relaxed to closed & tense



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Stress Signals:

head turns, diverting gaze
Whale eye – showing the whites of their eyes



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Do you approach these two dogs the same way?



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BABY



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Best Practice for Approaching Dogs On the Job



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The Signs



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The Encounter

- Announce your arrival:
 - Jiggle Fence
 - Whistle
 - Shake keys
 - Inquire about dogs before entering
 - Ask for dog to be secured



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Talk to the Dog

Communicate Safety and Appeasement:

- If a dog approaches and is non-threatening, allow him to investigate you.
- Continue to speak to her.
- DO NOT attempt to pet the dog.



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Talk to the Dog

Communicate Confidence or Threat:

- If dog is displaying threatening behavior speak in forceful tone.
- Give commands like “Sit” or “Stay.”
- If dog continues threatening, try to appear larger speak in low loud voice: “Back off!”



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Bite Prevention Tools

Physical Repellents

- Bite stick, Baton/ ASP
- Umbrellas
- Improvised
 - Flashlight
 - Stick
 - Rolled up magazine
 - Clipboard
 - Road flare



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Bite Prevention Tools

Chemical Repellents

- Oleoresin Capsicum
- Citronella Spray (Direct Stop)

Electronic Repellents

- Ultrasonic
- Stun Guns
- Taser

Improvised

- CO₂ fire extinguisher



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Quick Assessment

Questions to Ask

- Has dog already bitten someone?
- Where is the dog? Where is the owner?
- Are there bystanders?
- How is the dog moving?
- What is the dog's body language?
- How is dog responding to your commands?
- What defenses do you have available?
- Do I have an escape option?



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Questions and Discussion



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